

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 21 as follows:

This method has been presented as an alternative to the customary hemodialysis and ultrafiltration methods (~~Nakazawa *et al.*~~ Boccalatte *et al.*, Int. J. Artif. Organs, 1994, 17, 203-208). It consists in a serial adsorption of the biomolecules on a porous cellulose gel (350 ml of adsorbent), followed by conventional hemodialysis. In the case of  $\beta$ 2-microgloulin, the gel is described as having a theoretical capacity for  $\beta$ 2-microgloulin of 1 mg per ml of adsorbent. The results obtained are the best described in the literature, since in a patient in whom the initial  $\beta$ 2-microgloulin level was 30 mg/l, this system made it possible to reduce the  $\beta$ 2-microgloulin concentration to 10 mg/l final after 6 months of treatment. The authors presented an improvement in delaying the appearance of amyloid deposits in 2 cases out of 3, in their patients after therapy.